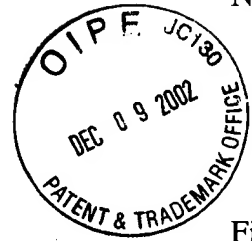


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ELECTION

The Examiner's Action of November 14, 2002 required an election between Group I, Claims 1-22 and 39-42; Group II, Claims 23-38; and Group III, Claims 43-50. Applicants provisionally elect for examination Group I, Claims 1-22 and 39-42, to methods and apparatus for adjusting the opacity of a matrix of cells. Applicants are aware of the requirement for correction of inventorship if inventorship with respect to the elected claims differs from that previously provided.

REMARKS

It is respectfully requested that the restriction requirement be reconsidered and withdrawn. It is urged that, although the three groups are held to be independent and distinct, from a practical standpoint, searching and examination of Claims 1-50 could be

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